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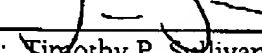
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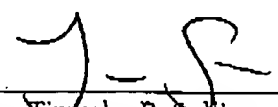
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Dear Sir:

This amendment and request for reconsideration is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2004. In view of the following amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.